

THE COMING BATTLE

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There are a great many other books which would be useful to you, but I am not trying to turn you into a bookworm. I am merely trying to list specific antidotes to the poison you will have to imbibe from the mass media, the educational system, the corrupted Apostate Churches, the paganized phoney atheists, the millionaire Marxists, and the other phoney fauna you will encounter on the darkling plain where you are fated to live. A great many people will try to convince you that you are living in a great age, and that by following this or that false banner, you will endure untold ecstasies of idealistic fulfillment. I will tell you the plain, unvarnished truth: You have been born into a bad time. Your life is likely to be a journey on a darkling plain. The initial phases of the battle against evil will be won by the other side. But I shall end on an upbeat note after all: I have faith that the banner of righteousness will indeed be raised again in the world, even in the midst of a great disaster, and those who know the real difference between good and evil will recognize this banner when they see it, and will repair to it. I have found the human species fascinating, in spite of all of their faults. I have some hope that at least two of them, a boy and a girl, will survive the coming disasters, so that the species may continue. I hold firmly to this rather limited hope. As for the other false hopes so many people are spreading around, waste no time upon them; they have no legitimate claims upon you. The One-Worlders will try to waste your time and youthful idealism with their schemes and "movements." The Conservatives will tell you wistfully of their dream of returning to the good old days of the McKinley administration; these are nice people; be gentle with them. Unhappily, as I have told you, they were sold out when the big rich went red many long years ago. Perhaps you should mainly relax and enjoy being young. The world in which you live has come to the point described in a cornball joke I heard many years ago.

In this joke, an Irishman named Pat was applying for a job as railroad signalman. The railroad superintendent tested him with hypothetical situations. The super said, "We have two trains approaching each other from opposite directions on the same track at sixty miles per hour. There has been a slip-up in train orders, and neither train knows about the other. What would you do in a case like that?"

Pat said, "I would set the semaphore signals to stop the trains!"

The super said, "what if they have already passed the semaphore signals?"

Pat replied, "I would run out and signal them with a red flag."

"What if they didn't see the red flag?"

Pat, now thoroughly exasperated and suspecting that his leg was being pulled, said, "I would go and get my wife."

The super snapped, "your wife? What on earth could your wife do?"

Pat said, "she couldn't do anything, but she likes to watch train wrecks."

I sometimes tell this corny joke to youngsters who pester me for a "solution" to the world political problem today. I am of the opinion that there is no such thing as a "solution." The One-Worlders are now bound to have their world state, and it is bound to be a failure. On the far side of that failure, for those who survive it, there will be the job of picking up the pieces and starting anew. I know of no political idea at work in the world today which I consider to have a chance of anything except failure.

I know of many good political ideas advanced by powerless people; but we live in a time when power and goodness are far separated. This is a basic destructive situation. I know of no immediate remedy for it; But I know the power of reality to destroy the unreal frauds of our time. When the present crisis has passed, the earth is likely to be a

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It suddenly dawned on Hell's leaders that the majority of men do not know what Democracy really means. By extending valid political principles into the moral sphere, the tempter becomes a veritable pied piper, reducing all men to the role of candidates for Hell under the guise of freedom and equality.

By taking advantage of this confusion, the devil is able, by shouting "democratic," to convince men all are equal in every aspect of life. The deceitful conviction, under the guise of democracy, that "I'm as good as you are," reduces all to mediocrity. Striving for superiority comes to an end. This misguided equality never elevates; it always degrades. It is envy with a new slant. The majority cannot excel, so equality demands that the superior be reduced to mediocrity.

If we permit misconception of "democracy" in the moral order to mean following the crowd, we are in danger of adding to Hell's lustreless but exploding population.

—Taken from an editorial written by the Rev. Father Eymard Gallagher in the Catholic Herald of Sacramento, California.

good place for a very long time. It will be cleared of the gasbags, frauds, charlatans, quacks, and intellectual swindlers whose honky-tonk voices have filled the air during my lifetime. To me, that will be good ridance of bad rubbish. Even the storm clouds of these bad times have a silver lining of sorts.

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